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TOPIC Ring-um-Berlin Grenzpolizeibereitschaft in Blumberg

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1. Until the beginning of January 1951, the Ring-um-Berlin Grenzpolizeibereitschaft in Blumberg was located in the Blumberg castle. It consisted of three Kommandanturen which were stationed in Blumberg, Sumat, and Schoeneiche. The Kommandantur in Blumberg had one Kommando each in Werneuchen, Ahrenfelde, Lindenberg, Hohrechtsfelde, Bernau, Zepornick, Biche, and Blumberg; the Kommandantur in Schoeneiche had one Kommando each in Erkner and Rahnsdorf. Kommandos of unknown subordination were located in Schwanebeck, Schoenerlinde, Schildow, Strausberg, Hohenneuendorf, Stolpe, Velten, Hennigsdorf, and Glienicke.
2. Officers of the Grenzpolizeibereitschaft included VP Rat Heinz Uhle, commanding officer; VP Oberst Kollat, (fnu), PK officer; VP Kommissar Kaczmarek, (fnu), chief of staff; VP Kommissar Kessler, (fnu), director of training; VP Rat Herzlieb, (fnu), criminal police officer; and VP Rat Herbert Krause, (fnu), SED (State Security Service) liaison officer. Officers of the Kommandantur in Blumberg included VP Rat Klein, (fnu), commanding officer; VP Rat Martin, (fnu), PK officer; VP Kommissar Gloorig, (fnu), chief of staff; and VP Kommissar Fiedler, (fnu), criminal police officer. VP Kommissar Paul Högwald was PK officer of the Kommando in Ahrensfelde, VP Kommissar Becker, (fnu), commanding officer of the Kommando in Bernau, and VP Kommissar Niemers, (fnu), commanding officer of the Kommando in Lindenberg.
3. The unit was equipped with model 98-K carbines and models 08 and 38 pistols. A turnover in personnel among the Grenzpolizeibereitschaften took place in November and December 1950. It was allegedly planned to pool the Kommandos in barracks installations, from which border guard personnel would go to their usual stations by truck. It was said that, once the police were in barracks installations, military training would start. *

25X1 Comment. The information on organization and personnel of the Ring-um-Berlin Grenzpolizeibereitschaft in Blumberg confirms previous reports by other sources, regarding plans to quarter Grenzpolizei personnel in barracks installations, compare with a previous report stating that numerous wooden barracks were under construction in the area of the Ring-um-Berlin Grenzpolizei units.

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